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REFERENCE TITLE: **mercury amalgam fillings**

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HB 2467

Introduced by
Representatives Johnson, Hershberger: Chase, Gray C, Jayne, Nichols,
Pearce, Senators Brown, Verschoor

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 32-1270; RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 32, chapter 11, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 32-1270, to read:

4 32-1270. Mercury amalgam fillings; prohibited use; warning

5 A. A DENTIST SHALL NOT PLACE A MERCURY AMALGAM FILLING IN:

6 1. A CHILD UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

7 2. A NURSING MOTHER.

8 3. A PREGNANT WOMAN OF ANY AGE.

9 B. A DENTIST SHALL NOT USE MERCURY OR MERCURY AMALGAM IN A DENTAL
10 PROCEDURE UNLESS BEFORE ITS USE THE DENTIST INFORMS THE PATIENT IN A MANNER
11 THAT, IN THE DENTIST'S PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT, WILL BE UNDERSTOOD BY THE
12 PATIENT OF THE FOLLOWING:

13 1. THE INTENDED USE OF MERCURY OR MERCURY AMALGAM.

14 2. THE POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF THE USE OF THE
15 MERCURY OR MERCURY AMALGAM THAT RELATE TO HEALTH AND HUMAN BIOLOGICAL OR
16 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

17 3. OPTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE DENTAL PROCEDURE USING MATERIALS OTHER
18 THAN MERCURY OR MERCURY AMALGAM.

19 C. PURSUANT TO RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, A DENTIST MUST POST IN A
20 PUBLIC AREA OF THE DENTAL OFFICE A WARNING ABOUT THE DANGERS OF EXPOSURE TO
21 MERCURY POSED BY MERCURY AMALGAM FILLINGS.